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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

VIA: Acting Deputy Director of
Central Intelligence

FROM: Michael J. Malanick
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Administration

SUBJECT: Space Acquisition

REFERENCE: Ltr dtd 27 Sept 77 to Admin GSA fm
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1. Action Requested: It is requested that you sign the attached letter to the Administrator of General Services Administration (GSA) requesting reconsideration of inclusion of CIA in an apparent Presidential freeze on acquisition of new Federal leased space (Att 1).

2. Background:

a. The Agency has had a pressing requirement for additional space since late 1975. Then Director Colby authorized acquisition of 88,000 square feet (sq. ft.) of additional leased property in November 1975 (a copy of this authorization, which includes justification and may be of interest as a "back-grounder," is Attachment 3). Summarizing, the space requirement was created by the impending development of new automated systems (SAFE and ADSTAR) plus space requirements for expanding staffs such as the Intelligence Community Staff, Office of Legislative Counsel, Office of General Counsel, and Inspector General.

b. CIA's space utilization has historically been far better than most Federal agencies. Compared to the GSA guideline of 150 sq. ft. of office space

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statistics alone represent prima facie justification for far more space than the 85,000 to 88,000 sq. ft. actually requested. As you are aware, since the date of the original request, more staff expansion has occurred. Your approved reorganization plan establishing NITC, among other entities, generates different and urgent requirements for both office and technical space. Although the SAFE project has been deferred, requirements for CAMS are even more pressing and require the same specially developed environment that was contemplated for SAFE.

c. The DDA has continued to press GSA to meet the requirements formalized in late 1975 by reiterating and clarifying requirements in two subsequent letters. The last letter, dated 13 September 1977, was supplemented by a call from the Office of Logistics to GSA's Region 3 Commissioner for Public Buildings. He advised (and he has proven to be a good friend of the Agency) that an executive-level appeal to the Administrator and subsequent waiver were required before the Region could proceed to acquire new space. Accordingly, a letter to Administrator Solomon (Att 2) was forwarded by the Acting DDCI. Although a formal reply has not been received, it is understood that CIA's space requirements were lumped with what we suspect are newer and less justifiable requests of other agencies and presented to President Carter on or about 13 October. It is further informally understood, as would be corroborated by Administrator Solomon's passing remark to you, that the President desires a hold-down on further Federal expansion in the Metropolitan Washington Area.

3. Staff Position: It is unequivocal that the Headquarters Building has exceeded the saturation point and

that installation of space-sensitive equipment areas such as CAMS, ADSTAR, and SAFE cannot proceed without relocation of Headquarters elements to external buildings. External building utilization is such that no vacant space is available or can be generated by further consolidation. The most attractive and viable alternative is GSA leasing of additional space for Agency use. Should this approach fail, it will be necessary to pursue significantly less desirable alternatives such as using your extraordinary authority to directly lease operational space (with attendant political and legal complications) or further decentralize by seeking DoD space on military installations outside of Washington (DoD installations in the immediate area are consistently fully occupied).

4. Recommendation: It is recommended that you sign a letter to the Administrator of GSA (Att 1) requesting reconsideration of acquisition of new leased space for CIA.

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